

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Horndad4.txt

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500676.009

Medium: Computer Text File

Publisher: Not applicable

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 October 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 October 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer text file is a story about an adult man who has sexual encounters with two girls in their mid-teens, one of whom is his daughter. The sexual acts are written about in detail and graphically described. The prose intends the reader to find the descriptions titillating and sexually gratifying, and has been written for this purpose. The effect of the story is to encourage and legitimise a sexual interest in young persons and to give the impression that they are ready and available for adult forms of sexual contact.

The classification of this publication as objectionable interferes with the freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.